

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Applicant affirms the telephonic election of the invention of Group I without traverse.

Applicant elects the following species: the process of Claim 2 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is benzyl, and R<sup>2</sup> is cyclohexyl.

Claims 3, 6, 14-15, and 19-22 have been canceled as a result of the response to the restriction requirement.

Claim 2 has been amended to change the word "comprising" to the expression "consisting essentially of." The use of the substituted phrase allows the reaction product to contain materials other than the desired compounds of Formulae VII and VIII, such as unreacted starting materials and amounts of other materials that do not have a significant effect on the desired compounds. The examiner's suggestion to use the phrase "consisting of" is believed to be inappropriate. The amendment is believed to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, para. 2.

The amendment of Claim 2 should also address the rejection of claims 4-5, 7-13, and 16-17 under 35 USC 112, para. 2.

Claims 4, 7, 9-11 and 16-17 have been amended so that they are dependent only on Claim 2, which should overcome the outstanding objection.

Favorable reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the above.

Respectfully submitted,

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